



MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Gary Braaten, Duane Hanson, Oliver Hillier, Greta Kraushaar, Don Olson, Keith Voorhees.

Members Absent: Meri Jo Lonergan.

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin, Herb Hanson, Don Johnson, Bill Buckley, Richard Alwes, Fred Hoisington.

Vice-Chair Don Olson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 1994, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the November 30, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Gary Braaten, seconded by Keith Voorhees, passed unanimously.

There was a deviation from the agenda to discuss the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance dealing with the subdivision of agricultural land.

Proposed Amendment dealing with the Subdivision of Agricultural Land - Background was presented to the Planning Commission on the current situation and a suggested recourse. After some discussion by the Planning Commission and comments from Fred Hoisington, it was felt that an amendment to the Comp Plan should be made concerning subdivision of agricultural land and then amend the Zoning Ordinance. Additional information will be presented at the February meeting.

Proposed Ordinances - Re: Fred Hoisington - Bill Buckley and Richard Alwes lead a discussion on the proposed Mower County Sewage and Wastewater Treatment Ordinance. Planning Commission members and Commissioners discussed many options and possible changes in the ordinance. After an extensive discussion, a motion was made by Oliver Hillier, seconded by Gary Braaten, that the Mower County Planning Commission recommend that the Mower County Board of Commissioners proceed with public hearings on the new on-site wastewater treatment ordinance because the proposed ordinance was in accordance with the Comprehensive Water Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Voorhees was excused to attend another meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Bill Buckley presented to the Planning Commission and Commissioners two options for implementation of the Action/Implementation Plans of the Mower County Water Management Plan for elimination of waste water discharges to road ditches, tile systems and surface waters. After evaluating the options, a motion was made by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Gary Braaten, to proceed with option #2 that contains the following:

**ROAD DITCH, TILE LINE AND SURFACE WATER
SEWER DISCHARGE REMOVAL PROGRAM**

Option 2:

- Publish notice to give all residents three years to upgrade on-site systems to meet Mower County Code, including notice with property tax.
- Begin survey of all township, state and county roads within Mower County to determine violating systems.
- Through SWCD, locate major tile project and ditch systems. As time allows, a survey of tile systems and Mower County streams and ditches will be conducted.
- 1997 begin enforcement by serving notices of non-compliance on violating property owners alphabetically (50 per year).
- Complaints and real estate sales handled according to ordinance.

Motion passed four (4) to one (1) with Don Olson opposing.

The second ordinance discussed was a surface water management ordinance (draft 2). Planning Commission and Commissioners discussed the ordinance. Overall, the Planning Commission supports the concept of the ordinance. Additional information will be brought back to the Planning Commission at the February meeting.

The proposed feedlot amendment was tabled until the February Planning Commission meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. on motion by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Gary Braaten. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director

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